

**Guadalupe, San Antonio, Mission, and Aransas Rivers and Mission,  
Copano, Aransas,  
and San Antonio Bays Basin and Bay Area Stakeholder Committee (BBASC)  
Thursday, February 16th, 2012 at 10:00 am  
SAWS Customer Service Bldg, Room CR-145  
2800 US Highway 281 North  
San Antonio, TX**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Suzanne Scott, Chair; Dianne Wassenich, Vice Chair; Bill Braden, Thurman Clements, Ken Dunton, Josh Gray (for Jay Gray), Dick Fritz (for Chis Hale), Everett Johnson, Mike Peters, Jennifer Youngblood, Mike Mecke; Steve Fotiades; Jennifer Ellis; Garrett Engelking; Tyson Broad; Con Mims; Doris Cooksey; Jack Campbell; James Lee Murphy; Rick Illgner (for Karl Dreher); Walter Womack, Hope Wells (for Robert Puente); Jerry James

**Call to order**

BBASC chair Suzanne Scott called the meeting to order.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment at this time.

**Discussion and Agreement on Agenda**

Members approved the agenda as drafted.

**Approval of Minutes from November 17th, 2011**

The minutes for the November 17, 2011 meeting were approved by consensus.

**Review, Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding GSA-BBASC Meeting Rules Revisions**

Members briefly discussed proposed revisions to the meeting rules but elected to postpone revisions to a future meeting.

**Election of Officers**

Member Jerry James moved that the existing officers continue to serve. Member Tyson Broad seconded and the motion was approved by consensus. Suzanne Scott will continue to serve as BBASC Chair with Dianne Wassenich serving as Vice-Chair.

**Presentation and Discussion Regarding “NERRS Science Collaborative: Introduction to Project Objectives, Methods, and Stakeholder Involvement” – Dr. Kiersten Madden, Mission-Aransas NERR, University of Texas Marine Science Institute (UTMSI)**

Dr. Kiersten Madden, Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve with UTMSI, presented an overview of their project titled Freshwater inflows: determining flow regimes in the face of land use, climate change, and other unknowns. She explained the project goals as 1) examine the effects of land use and climate change on

freshwater inflows to the Guadalupe and Mission-Aransas estuaries, 2) improve inputs to the TxBLEND salinity model, 3) collaborate with intended users to identify and conduct a priority research project related to a focal species mentioned in the GSA BBEST report, and 4) develop shared systems learning among the local stakeholders and scientists for construction of a system dynamics model. She noted that one of the key aspects of the project is to look at the connection between San Antonio and other bays within the system. She concluded by noting that the project will include stakeholder participation from beginning to end.

### **Reports from Work Plan Work Groups and Review and Discussion of Work Plan for Adaptive Management and Prioritization of Work Plan Elements**

The BBASC members discussed the preliminary rankings of the Bay and Estuary (B&E) and Instream work plan subcommittees in order to rank both group's components to develop one integrated list of work plan elements to be submitted as the final work plan.

- **Bays and Estuaries Work Group Report - Dr. Ken Dunton**  
Member Ken Dunton provided an overview of the B&E scoring matrix. He noted this subcommittee met with the estuary subcommittee of the BBEST where they scored and ranked the proposed studies and monitoring programs. 10 projects were detailed in the work plan components. They considered which projects had the most direct influence on informing the BBASC recommendations, promoted an understanding of the role of freshwater inflows, and availability of funding.
- **Instream Flows Work Group Report - Rivers, Streams, Tributaries and Riparian Zones - Suzanne Scott**  
Chair Scott provided an update on the activities of the Instream work group subcommittee, noting they had received support from SAC member Ed Oborny. She presented a revised priority matrix that the committee had revised from previous versions presented, providing a brief summary of the committee's evaluations of the strategies identified. It was noted that some of the projects identified need to be completed before others can begin. In their discussions the members agreed to define the break point between the upper and lower basin as Canyon Dam.

The members discussed integration of the B&E and Instream strategies. Member Ken Dunton recommended that members of both subcommittees meet to integrate the lists to be presented to the full BBASC for approval. Members Ken Dunton, Walter Womack, Tyson Broad, Jennifer Ellis, Suzanne Scott, Dianne Wassenich, and BBEST members Debbie Magin and Gregg Eckhardt volunteered to develop a draft integrated list. This group will finish working out the integration/prioritization of the B&E and Instream matrices for group review by the April BBASC meeting, for final approval in May 2012.

In a related action, the members discussed and agreed by consensus that the review period for the Work Plan will occur on a 5 year cycle beginning on the date the TCEQ adopts environmental flow standards.

### **TCEQ Update on Rule Making Process – Cory Horan**

Cory Horan, TCEQ, noted that schedule for TCEQ's development of environmental flow standards would be:

Anticipated proposal date: March 28, 2012

Anticipated Texas Register publication date: April 13, 2012

Public hearing date: May 8, 2012

Public comment period: April 13, 2012 - May 14, 2012

Anticipated adoption date: August 8, 2012

### **Discuss Future Meeting Dates, Times and Locations**

The next full BBASC meeting will be held on April 12, 2012 in Seguin. Members will meet again on May 10, 2012 in San Antonio to finalize their work plan.

### **Public Comment**

Alternate James Dodson noted the San Antonio Bay partnership will hold a meeting on April 18, 2012.

### **Adjourn**